



Friday 4th April 2025

Sussex Alerts – Eastbourne Police

Operation Downsway 2025 Survey

Help us to understand road safety issues that are impacting your community.

You can help us by filling in [this survey](#) and telling us what's happening on the roads in your local area.



This information will help us build a picture of where we need to tackle road safety issues and how we monitor our summer road safety intensification, Operation Downsway.

This year, between April and September officers from teams across the force will take part in the dedicated operation, providing a highly visible and unmarked presence on the road network in Surrey and Sussex, engaging, educating, and taking enforcement action where necessary.

By engaging with road users, we aim to continue to reduce the number of collisions and deaths on our roads.

The survey will be live for the whole of April.

Man arrested on suspicion of arson

Police have arrested a man on suspicion of arson following a fire at a former nightclub in Eastbourne on Monday (31 March).

Emergency services were called to reports of a large fire on the top floor of a building in Terminus Road, Eastbourne at around 11.10pm.



East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service brought the fire under control, while police officers conducted enquiries around the circumstances.

A 24-year-old man from Eastbourne was arrested a short while later on suspicion of committing arson, and remains in custody at this time.

To report any information concerning this incident, contact police [online](#) or by calling 101 quoting reference 1454 of 31/01.

Advice following pickpocketing in Eastbourne

Stay safe from potential pickpockets.



Last weekend officers from your Neighbourhood Policing Team took to our Town Centre Police Pod to speak with shoppers and residents following a small number of reports of pickpocketing in the area.

Officers handed out 'purse bells' to potential victims, as well as crime prevention advice and awareness around this time of crime – **fortunately reported incidents remain low**, but it is always something to keep in mind, especially as we head into the busy shopping months and the Summer.

You may have an idea of what a pickpocket looks like but they're far less likely to stand out in a crowd than you might think since blending in is part of how they avoid being caught - pickpockets come in all shapes and sizes, would you know what to look for?

Spot the signs, and follow our dos and don'ts to help keep your valuable safe whilst out and about online [here](#).

BikeSafe course 2025



Motorcycle riders are invited to book their place in safety workshops for advanced riding techniques in Sussex.

The Sussex BikeSafe scheme offers the sessions in the county to help improve safety on our roads.

The scheme is a national police-led initiative which seeks to engage with motorcyclists in a conflict free environment in an attempt to reduce those killed or seriously injured on the roads.

The aim is to give riders an insight into what can be achieved by exploring advanced riding techniques, whether it's a shiny cruiser or a tricked up sports machine.

The Sussex BikeSafe scheme is for all, and sessions run from 8am to 12.30pm or from 1pm to 5.30pm from April 6.

To find out more about the scheme or to book [click here](#).

Eastbourne Night Safety Marshalls



Everyone has the right to feel safe on a night out.

Your Night Safety Marshalls (NSM), continue to work alongside Police and local partners to help keep people safe.

Working each Friday and Saturday night between 8pm and 4am, the NSM are made up of teams of individuals who have been trained in identifying and helping vulnerable people, and are there to help provide an extra level of support on top of the extensive work already being done by Sussex Police and partner agencies to keep people safe during the night-time economy.

The marshals also complement the work of the Eastbourne Street Pastors, and

schemes such as Best Bar None, bringing businesses together to work together to promote the town in a positive light.

If you or someone you know are a victim of crime or need assistance on a night out, speak to a police officer, bar staff, Street Pastor or Night Safety Marshal.

Always call 999 in an emergency.

Contact us

For non-emergency incidents or crime prevention advice, click www.sussex.police.uk, (If you report a crime online, we will assess it in the same way as a 101 call).

Call 101 when you do not require an urgent response. In an emergency when life is threatened or there is immediate danger always call 999.

Speak to us face-to-face at a police station or contact the local policing team at www.sussex.police.uk/area/your-area.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, you can contact us using TypeTalk on 18000 or by sending a text to 65999.

